

Sleeping under the sea 下榻海底

Vocabulary: water 词汇: 水

Here's a hotel worth writing home about: a company in Poland plans to build tourist accommodation under the sea. The structure can be **towed** to a suitable location and placed on supports on the **sea bed**.

The 'Water Discus' will be made up of an **underwater** disc containing 22 bedrooms with sea views, connected by lift and stairs to a disc above the surface containing other hotel facilities.



Out and about for some sightseeing?

Robert Bursiewicz, a project manager at Deep Ocean Technology, says: "Nowadays it's possible to build **submarines** which go deeper than 500m below the sea surface, so building an underwater hotel is not a problem."

In fact, they don't plan to have the hotel very deep. Water acts like a **filter** for sunlight, and below 15m most colours, apart from blue, are **washed out**. And we all want to see colourful **marine life**, don't we?

But this isn't the first hotel to offer underwater views from the bedrooms. The two-bedroom Jules' Undersea Lodge, off the coast of Florida, has been taking in guests 10m beneath the surface since 1986.

The company that operates the hotel also runs a course on **scuba diving** for beginners to help get guests down and into the hotel. It is **accessible** only through an opening at the bottom.

And you'll find all the usual amenities in the room, according to Teresa McKinna, Jules's chief financial officer. It has a television, air conditioning and **wi-fi**. But for the staff, simple things like cleaning and changing bed linen can be challenging, since the lodge is **submerged** in sea water.

"It actually takes quite a lot of work to get anything down there," she says. "We have to put everything in **waterproof** boxes and attach weights to them to counter their **buoyancy**."

The hotel has suitably sized waterproof boxes so that pizzas can be delivered by **divers** to guests who order them for their evening meal.

And after a meal, if you can't sleep because of the excitement of the experience, you don't have to **count sheep**. You'll fall asleep quicker if you count fish.

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. How many bedrooms will the new hotel have?
2. Why won't the hotel be very deep in the water?
3. How are the meals taken to guests in Jules' Undersea Lodge?
4. What four expressions refer to a place in the water?
5. Which expression refers to the tendency of objects to sit on the surface of water?

Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. The Welsh economy is growing faster than most other parts of the UK _____ from the south east of England.

beneath	apart	aside	below
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2. When it rains I have to keep my camera in a _____.

submarine	waterproof box	filter for sunlight	air conditioning
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3. The basement is _____ through a small door.

accessible	connected	delivered	together
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4. A river runs through the city. And after the floods, part of it was _____.

drowned	submerged	above the surface	accessible
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5. The car broke down and had to be _____ to the garage.

dragged	placed	delivered	towed
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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. How many bedrooms will the new hotel have? **Twenty two.**
2. Why won't the hotel be very deep in the water? **Because most colours look washed out below 15m underwater and guests would miss out on colourful marine life.**
3. How are the meals taken to guests in Jules' Undersea Lodge? **Divers take the meals in waterproof boxes.**
4. What four expressions refer to a place in the water? **Underwater, below the sea surface, beneath the surface, submerged.**
5. Which expression refers to the tendency of objects to sit on the surface of water? **Buoyancy.**

Exercise 练习

1. The Welsh economy is growing faster than most other parts of the UK **apart** from the south east of England.
2. When it rains I have to keep my camera in a **waterproof box**.
3. The basement is **accessible** through a small door.
4. A river runs through the city and after the floods part of it was **submerged**.
5. The car broke down and had to be **towed** to the garage.

Glossary 词汇表

to tow	(用车或船) 拖拉
the sea bed	海床, 海底
underwater	水下的
a submarine	一艘潜水艇
a filter	一个过滤器
washed out	被水冲走
marine life	海洋生物
scuba diving	潜水
accessible	可进入的
wi-fi	无线局域网
submerged	在水中的, 水下的
waterproof	防水的
buoyancy	浮力
a diver	潜水员
to count sheep	数羊 (以帮助入睡)